hope of unity on legislative in the President had hoped. Senator Cummins' diplomatic

Program of the Progressives. "The fact that this is the short session of Congress, with the time for registrative action limited, will not prevent the bringing of important legislative proposals to the attention of the country and Congress," said Schator Cummins shortly after leaving the White House.

called progressives in the session that opens tomorrow. It is the plan of these members to urge the further considera-tion of a tariff-commission law similar to that embodied in the Beveridge bill, and to draw attention again to measures for further control of common carriers. "It is not probable that any measure of first importance can be passed by Con-gress at this session," said Senator Cum-mins. "Those of us who are known as progressives will stand firmly, however for the consideration of a tariff-com sion bill, and the enactment of legislation that will organize a tariff commission upon what we consider satisfactory basis "We will urge the adoption of a reso-lution for the election of senators by direct vote of the people; the passage of measure providing for the valuation of the physical property of railroads and common carriers, and an inquiry into the investment represented in the properties of common carriers. We will urge, also, the enactment of a law to limit the issuance of stocks and bonds by commo

"It is unlikely that many of these meaures will make actual progress during this session," Senator Cummins added, "but all consideration given to them this winter will be so much gained. There will be less work to do at another time. The senator made it clear that the progressive senators will not await the report of President Taft's railway securities commission before urging another bill for the control of the issuing of rail-road stocks and bonds.

#### Doubtful About Harmony. A prominent member of the progressive

wing in the Senate was asked last night for an expression as to the outlook for bringing the regulars and insurgents together. He shook his head.

"Such a thing is possible," he de-clared, "but it certainly is not prob-This opinion was echoed by others.

The insurgents of both houses of Congress probably will hold a caucus before deciding on any course of action.

## **President and Insurgents**

# No Closer Than They Were

President Taft and the republican in best of authority, as a result of yesterday's conference between the chief execu-Senator Bristow of Kansas, who was also of the volunteer service February 1, 1866. and 40 piles for a wharf at San Juan. It over, couldn't get there for some reason or other and will have a private audience with the President tomorrow. The sole significance of the conference

of yesterday, so far as its possible immeit as an indication that the President is the olive branch to the radical wing of the party and is anxious to have harmony. This, from a progressive standpoint, is encouraging and that is about

### No Pledges Given President.

While Senators Cummins and Borah are understood to have met the President half way in yesterday's conference, it can be stated positively that they made him no definite promises as to their conduct. In effect they told him, it is understood, that they were not looking for trouble of any sort, that nothing would please them better than to labor during the coming session—and for the re-mainder of Mr. Taft's administration for that matter-in perfect accord with the administration. But they couldn't sacrifice any principles, they pointed out, merely for the sake of renewing the harmony which received so severe a jolt during the tariff session and the last regular session of the Sixty-first Con-So long as the administration behind the progressive legislation they favored they would be with dministration. But they didn't propose to agree to any program in advance or to bind themselves for the future in any particular. And the President, it is understood, had to be content with that.

## Ship Subsidy Approved.

The President and the two insurgent senators discussed the prospects for the ing session in considerable detail. There were found a number of matters on which there was no material difference of opinion between them, and others on which the administration and the insurgents in the Senate will be as widely separated as the poles. For in-Senator Cummins flatly told the President that he would oppose any atat this congress. This is a proposi-tion to which the President is committed, and which some of the Senate and House leaders have told him during the last few days was one of the few matters of legislation, outside of the regular supply bills, that had any sort of a chance of being enacted into

And there were some other things on the President's tentative program to Cummins and Borah are under stood to have objected just as strongly Another matter that came up for dis had to do with the selection of men to fill vacancies on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States. Senator Bristow is understood to have written a letter to the President protesting against favorable consideration be ing given to the name of John C. Pol-lock of Kansas, who has been mentioned in connection with one of the vacancles in question. Senator Bristow's objection to Pollock is believed to be grounded on his belief that he is too much of a favorite with the railroads.

## Not Much Accomplished.

the President and his progressive callers failed to agree but these citations are sufficient to indicate that not a great deal was accomplished by the confersurgents in the party had built so many

liopes of harmony.

It is now believed by those familiar with the situation that if anything is to be accomplished along the line of bringing regulars and progressives into sufficiently close touch to result in the speedy and efficient enactment of administration measures this winter, a great many more pow-wows between the chief executive and the radical leaders will be essential to the accomplishment of this result. There were only a few of the House insurgents discoverable in the city last night, and they uniformly declined to make any comment of importance upon the conference of yesterday and its possible effect. It was manifest that one of two of them were disappointed at the re-ported outcome of the meeting, of which, it was quite apparent, they had expected a great deal.

## An Insurgent's Announcement.

"It is not quite the time for us to make any announcements," said an insurgent leader of the House, who has been talk-ing of late of the possibility of the are any irreconcilable differences between President Taft's tentative program and a program to which we could lend our undivided support. But he must make up his mind to scratch severad things, notably the ship subsidy proposition, off his list. There must be compromises on both sides, but as we have the whip-hand of the situation just now, notwithstanding what some people may say to the contrate. Recently he is said to have been seen in ry, it is the regular wing of the party that must make the bulk of the sacrifices. We are inclined to be reasonable, but if the President and those of us who where he is. His wife, wo tion, not we in his.'

# I. MERRITT DEAD IN PERIL FOR HOURS DIAZ OFFERS PEACE A SUNDAE ROMANCE WAIT GAVELS' FALL PUBLIC SERVICE BILL THREAT TO KILL BOY

Away at Natural Bridge, Va. Waist Deep in Acid Water.

RETIRED TEN YEARS AGO SPILES LOOSE IN HOLD SOLDIERS FOLLOW AFTER BEGINNING IS IN TEXAS SLIM ATTENDANCE LIKELY JOB FOR COMMISSIONERS POLICE WATCH ALL NIGHT

to Philippines.

FAME WON IN THE CIVIL WAR MEN WEAKENED BY HARDSHIP

and Interred on Military Academy Reservation.

Maj. Gen. Wesley Merritt, U. S. A., retired, a veteran of Indian campaigns, the civil and Spanish wars and the Philippine nsurrection, died shortly after noon yesterday at the Natural Bridge Hotel, Natural Bridge, Va., where he had been staying for several weeks past. After his retirement from active service in 1900, Gen. Merritt traveled extensively and finally established his residence at 1622 Rhode Island avenue.

It was announced at the War Department last night that, pursuant to the last request of Gen. Merritt, the body will be interred on the Military Academy reservation at West Point, - and the entire strength of the cadets there will act as escort to the grave. Secretary Dickinson has issued the necessary instructions.

#### Gen. Merritt's Military Career

Gen. Merritt was born in New York June 16, 1836, and was appointed a cadet at the United States Military Academy from Illinois, July 1, 1855; was graduated and appointed a brevet second lieutenant in the 2d dragoons, July 1, 1860; was promoted first lieutenant of the 2d cavalry, May 13, 1961; promoted captain, April 5, 1862; was appointel lieutenant colonel of the 9th cavalry upon the reorganization of the army, July 28, 1866, and promoted colonel of the 5th cavalry, July 1, 1876. He was appointed brigadier general, April 16, 1887, and major general April 25, 1895; was retired from active service by operation of law, having reached the age surgents in the Senate are not a bit of sixty-four years, June 16, 1900. Durcloser together, it can be stated on the ing the progress of the civil war he was appointed brigadier general of volunteers, June 29, 1863, and major general April deck was filled with 250 carboys of muritive and Senators Cummins and Borah. 1, 1865. He was honorably mustered out atic acid, weighing 250 pounds apiece,

Gen. Merritt was brevetted major, July 1863, for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Gettysburg; lieutenant colonel. May 11, 1864, for gallant and for gallant and meritorious services in hold to help them fight with the sp les. the battle of Hawe's Shop, Va.; brigadier | Each spile weighed 400 pounds, and they general, March 13, 1865, for gallant and got all but ten of them overboard. The eritorious services in the battle of Five ten broke loose and the captain, orks, Va.; major general, on the same was standing on top of one of them (the late, for gallant and meritorious services render of the army of northern Virginia ten monsters had rolled over him. 19, 1864, for gallant and meritorious services in the battles of Winchester and Fisher's Hill, Va. He also received a sion as major general of volunteers, April 1, 1865, for specific distinguished service. His great military chance the civil war came at the battle of Beverly Ford, where, as commander of of deck. his regiment, he led the charge against. Stuart's Cavalry and lost one-third of his command in killed and wounded. He him-

self received a saber cut on the head while in conflict with a Confederate offi-Gen. Merritt's advancement was rapi proceeding quickly from command o brigade to division and finally succeed ing Sheridan in command of the cavalry

#### corps in the Appomattox campaign. Gen. Merritt's Rapid Rise.

twenty-eight years of age. He had risen from captain to major general and commander of 10,000 cavalry in two years. He fought brilliantly on many fields. Up and down the Shenandoah valley and all the way from the Wilderness to Appomattox his name is written in the history o every battle. It was at Winchester when his charge against Breckinridge's division drew the remark from Sheridan, "I claim nothing for myself. My boys, Merritt and Custer, did it all." In days of action Gen. Merritt was the very embodiment of force. His faculties were sharpened and his view was leared on the battlefield. His decisions and were as clear as if they had been studied for weeks. He never felt that his first judgment gained by thought and

reflection. His flery spirit was closely held in thrall to will. Commanded Philippine Expedition.

Gen. Merritt was the military commander in charge of the first detachment of United States troops who landed on the Philippine Islands and the land operations against Manila were conducted under his direction. He leaves a widow, who is the daugh-

er of Mrs. Norman Williams. Gen. Merritt has three nephews in Washington-A. D. Merritt of the Interior Department. M. O. Chance, auditor for the Post Office Department, and W. W. Chance of the Post Office Department.

# 'BOY WIZARD' IS MISSING, OFFICERS ON HIS TRAIL

## Young Stock Broker of Boston Accused of Stealing Securities.

BOSTON, December 3 .- Robert E. Davie, a young stockbroker, with offices on State street, where he has been popularly known as a "boy wizard," and has maintained a high standing with various financial institutions, is missing, according to the police. They have sent out circulars calling for his arrest on the charge of the theft of securities, valued at \$10,000, from Anna L. Greenwood of Somerville.

## Held Prominent Positions.

Davie has moved in high social circles woman, today identified the body of the in Boston and Brookline. Although only twenty-three years old, he held prominent positions with two leading brokerage West Philadelphia last Monday night, in houses before he opened a stock broker's which the officer also lost his life, as office for himself four years ago. For four months Davie has been absent President "harmonizing" the party, "but from the city, but it was only today that the body is that of a man who serve the not believe that at this time there the police announced that they held a warrant for his arrest.

Miles an Hour.

and Vessel Reaches Porto

Rican Port.

York dramatic and musical critic, which

Sails October 11.

The Twohy left New York October 11

and cable dispatches have already brought

word that she made San Juan, Porto

Rico, in forty days after she had been

given up for lost. Mr. Dean was the cap-

tain's guest, and his letter, written to his

family, now gives for the first time an

Willard outfought and outsailed. In part

"Tuesday, October 25, all day the clouds

had been disquieting. They took on

down to nothing and the sails flapped so

that the wise captain ordered them all

in the morning and forty in the after-

noon, fifty at night, seventy the next

morning and gradually worked its way

up to its full fury of ninety knots an

Decides to Throw Out Cargo.

cargo would have to go. The forward

est, and the glass bottles none too thick.

Consequently they broke against the side

and the acid burned the men's hands

The letter he.e continues with a descrip-

labors, and the captain went down into the

letter continues) fell off and underneath.

Five Times Bowled Over

"Once more he tried to get up and once

more they rolled him against the deck,

and again and again until he had been

"The acid was floating in the water

and he filled his mouth with it, and for

three days after he had a scalded mouth

Fortunately he kept his eyes shut. He

was pulled out just as the logs came

tearing down a sixth time, and by main

force the men held his legs out of harm's

"It was 8 o'clock and pitch dark when

way or they would have been snapped.

spile before he came in time to supper."

Will Be Disposed of at Auc-

tion Tomorrow Evening.

The board of control of the Elks' fair

lecided last night to continue the festival

omorrow night, when it is proposed to

head of the reception committee.

The night had also been set apart as Board of Trade night, and there were

nany members from that organization in attendance. All the booths were well patronized, and dancing to the music of

the Marine Band was a popular diver-

tioned were Gen. George H. Harries, president of the Board of Trade; A. W. Johnston, secretary of the Grand Lodge;

D. J. Callahan, secretary of the Board of Trade; Edward Droop, treasurer of the board; Carl Droop, Kurt Voe ekner, president of the United German S cleties;

Gustav Bender, secretary of the United

German Societies; P. F. Carr, president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians; P.

Order of Hibernians; William J. McEvoy, district secretary Ancient Order of Hi-

bernians; E. W. Zea, P. J. Haltigan, Rob-ert Pluym, William F. Gude, Martin

Tonight the Elks will 'ay as de the cap and bells and hold service at the National

RECOGNIZED BY FOUR.

Officers Not Satisfied, However, of

Dead Burglar's Identity.

PHILADELPHIA, December 3.-Al-

though four persons, one of whom is a

man who was killed in a revolver duel

that of a Philadelphian, the police dis-

credit the identification. The name given

Hyman Wiener, whose father, a resident

of Roxbury, Mass., 'dentified the body of the dead man as that of his son, is still

in custody, but will be released if the

police satisfy themselves that he is not wanted here on any charge. He has shown that he was not concerned in the shooting in West Philadelphia.

To Handicap Home Shaving.

NEW YORK, December 3.-The Ital-

the body is that of a man who served im-

with Policeman George W. Barnett in

Wiegand and a hest of others.

Theater in memory of their dead.

FAIR ANOTHER NIGHT

Remaining Unsold

and would have burned the decks if the

water had not been knee deep."

"On Thursday the captain decided the

bosom friends with it.

strange, fantastic shapes. The wind died

eye-witnesses' account of the terrors Capt.

it follows

will be published here tomorrow.

gents This Week.

REBELS WIN AT PEDERNALES

Body Will Be Taken to West Point Terrors of the Sea Finally Overcome Prisoners Join Enemy-Plenty of Money in Hands of Enemies of Administration.

> NEW YORK, December 3 .- How Capt. CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, December 3. Willard of the four-masted American While the peace commission was conferring with the revolutionists along the here it is: schooner John Twoly and his crew of nine fought for hours, waist deep in railroad line today, 800 troops, under Gen. Navarro, left here to subdue the inmuriatic acid and water, with ten huge spiles weighing in the aggregate 4,000 surrectos in the adjacent mountains. Repounds let loose between decks by a West Indian hurricane, is told in a letof Mexico to garrison this city. ter written by Frederick Dean, a New

The commission telegraphed today from San Isidro that the members would proceed to Guerrero to treat with revolutionist bodies there.

of the commission is believed to indicate that that body carries a message more in the nature of an ultimatum than an olive branch. It is believed here that the proceedings will develop into a battle early next week.

#### Rebel Victory at Pedernales.

The defeat of a detachment of government troops at Pedernales, Tuesday is admitted by those in authority here. And The government is without details of the fight, however. Reports brought in by passengers from the west vary taken in. When I came on deck the and contradict each other to a great next morning the sea was beastly. There degree.

was no sun. The wind blew twenty knots formation, the government troops, who met defeat were the band of 150 who left the train at San Andres as early as two weeks ago, when the coaches were athour. The captain said we were being shaken up by the outside disturbances of tacked by revolutionists. They escaped at that time and up to last Tuesday had Mr. Joa that time and up to last Tuesday had been moving west, getting food and water in precarious fashion.

Mr. Joachim really left Texas because of business, and with the full knowledge and consent of his bride. But why a hurricane 250 miles away, but even he in precarious fashion. Hunger, it is said, drove them to Pader-

nales, where insurrectos were known to be. The revolutionists began a long fire, and drew them close to the village, where the former attacked in force, firing from roo's and windows. The two officers command were killed, as well as a numnine to twenty.

took four men to lift each carboy. The American custom of joining the enemy. ated Press correspondent today, that owing to the death of the officers, he evidently read it. was without reliable advices. He understood, he said, that about fifty soldiers escaped, and were endeavoring to this effect:
"How about fifty soldiers escaped, and were endeavoring to this effect:
"How about fifty soldiers escaped, and were endeavoring to this effect: tion of how the men, weakened from their

### Severe Fighting Expected.

The governor confirmed the report that reinforcements are expected here daily and before he could be gotten out those of a guerilla nature in the mountains. The foreigners would not be frightened even if the city is taken. The revolutionists have given many assurances of their friendliness. rolled five times across thirty-seven feet Every mining and business man who

arrived here yesterday and today agrees on certain points-that the revolutionists a.e gaining in strength, that they are well officered, that they treat foreign ers with the greatest consideration and that they have plenty of money. Business, they argue, has been greatly depressed by the uneasiness and excitement of laborers. There is no truth in the report that mines in the Madera dishe was pulled out of the water, but he trict are short of food, the mines in that stayed and finished putting over the last section usually having a supply sixty days ahead of present needs.

## Rebels Have Money.

owned by a German, named Jungk, was entered by revolutionists recently. Two locks were broken and his stock of dynamite and caps taken. The next day a leader of the insurrectos appeared with a list of the goods confiscated. It tallied exactly with one made up by the storekeepers. The caller produced a large roll of money from which he paid the usual price of the goods. He then insisted on paying for the broken locks, explaining that he and his comrades had plenty of money.

The revolutionists are by no means solely of the peon class. In fact, the small ranch owner is said to be largely The insurrecto commandant at San Andres is Francisco Valdez y Vasquez, chemist and assayer of this city, who is also the author of a book on assaying. They are scrutinized at the vari-

sell at auction everything remaining unlargest of the week. It was Masons' governorship of this state has been that a change is expected. The son of Enrique Creel, foreign minister, who was reported missing a week

night, and the local Masonic badies were represented by a long line of marchers. with Grand Master George E. Ober at their head. Kallipolis Grotto, Order of ago, has been heard from and is safe. No demonstrations were occasione the Veiled Prophets, was headed by demonstrations were occasioned Grand Monarch Edward Schmid and here by the inauguration of President Monarch Collins. The visitors were greeted at the hall by Hugh F. Harvey,

## Peace Commissioners on Way.

revolutionary leaders ways and means of yet dead in the drug business. And as

today naming the following as commissioners: Judge Jose M. Danders, Dr. the story.' Garcia Cardenas and Senores Amados and = Santiago Gongales. All are prominent in gaining the city they would find many citizens of this city. The news of the appointment of a commission occasioned considerable surprise.

T. Moran, national director Ancient It is said to be the first time in thirty years that the government has sought thus to treat with insurrectos. will endeavor to ascertain just what this morning from Madera and Temosa grievances afflict the revolutionists. Terms of peace will be discussed and a report of peace to the national cap tal. The insurrectes will be given to under-stand that if they persist in bearing arms and that insurrectos were marching on against the government they will be that town.

given a lesson which it is thought will They said that their train was inspected leave the state of Chihushua in peace several times en route to Chihushua from for many years.

Madera by rebels, but nobody was molest-The departure of the commission had no effect on military preparati ns.
While waiting for reinforcements th local troops have been thoroughly in spected. The work of gathering supple for a campaign proceeds daily. Water must be carried over much of the routes.

## No Fighting Since Tuesday.

Scouts are in the hills daily. Occaing parties of the enemy, but there has been no fighting since Tuesday at Pardenalles.

Forty of the government troops who were in that fight and who escaped are specifically application.

This came in the shape of a telegram applying for leave of absence to permit taken are the Texas Pacific, International and Great Northern, Denver and Rio Change of the men have been talking taken are the Texas Pacific, International and Great Northern, Denver and Rio Change of the men have been talking taken are the Texas Pacific, International and Great Northern, Denver and Rio Change of the men have been talking taken are the Texas Pacific, International and Great Northern, Denver and Rio Change of the men have been talking taken are the Texas Pacific, International and Great Northern, Denver and Rio Change of the men have been talking taken are the Texas Pacific, International and Great Northern, Denver and Rio Change of the men have been talking taken are the Texas Pacific, International and Great Northern, Denver and Rio Change of the men have been talking taken are the Texas Pacific, International and Great Northern, Denver and Rio Change of the men have been talking taken are the Texas Pacific, International and Great Northern, Denver and Rio Change of the men have been talking taken are the Texas Pacific, International and Great Northern, Denver and Rio Change of the men have been talking taken are the Texas Pacific, International and Great Northern, Denver and Rio Change of the men have been talking taken are the Texas Pacific, International and Great Northern, Denver and Rio Change of the men have been talking taken are the Texas Pacific, International and Great Northern, Denver and Rio Change of the men have been talking taken are the Texas Pacific, International and Great Northern, Denver and Rio Change of the men have been talking taken are the Texas Pacific, International and Great Northern, Denver and Rio Change of the men have been talking taken are the Texas Pacific and Texas Pacific and Texas Pacific and Te

Cuitous route to avoid the insurectos.

The troops of the government forces from Somora, marching in the direction of Guerrero, which is now held by satyfive regulars, were reported at Bato, has by the department of the departme of Guerrero, which is now held by s xtyfive regulars, were reported at Bato has
teday. They still have about ten days'
marching ahead of them, providing they
do not encounter the revoutionists beschedule of prices agreed to charge 50 thizers within the city. surgents now in the mountains succeed trouble

Little Story.

The senator gave the first outline of the program that is to be followed by the so- Leader of First Military Expedition Wind Blowing at Rate of Ninety Expected to Try Issue With Insur- But Scene Soon Shifts From Lone Few Republican Members of the Conference of Power Upon Them Concealed in Brooks Station, Where

justly described as a milliner's dream of out under that tan hobble with a nowyou-see-me-and-now-you-don't sort of way that just set 'em all crazy. And she had the bulliest little story! Just the buillest ever. Which, when every one had got through taiking about this fair visitor, some one sat down to tell. And

ought to get a good headline. tionist bodies there.

of Texas rhyme ran, "Cupid sends a dart them, especially republicans, seem to have into Drug Clerk's Heart."

#### Fascinated "Fair Texan."

her very words, treasurer and true. He effected, and that the time of Congress was mixing a panhandle sundae for Miss will be fully occupied in passing the ap-Pearl Barmore, aged eighteen years, twanged the bow, and after that it was all off. They twain were made one, to quote Laura Tena I there is a legislatured with the state and a sure enough beauty, when Cupid one, to quote Laura Jean Libbey & Co. makes a good newspaper story. But now comes the joke She did Miss Hobble Skirt-that right away after that sec. et wedding young Mr. Joachim disappeared from Texas. Why? Why? Quien sabe?-which is Texas border talk for "Who could say why?" Anyhow, let's all give manks, for in leaving

warmness of their aforetime allies, the bring business into the realm of romance. are not nearly as anxious to ride a tilt at the Speaker and the existing order of procedure as they were last session. Then they were without responsibility and it

#### Where Joke Comes In.

Yes, here comes the joke. When A. P. Joachim left his wife and the Lone Star state he came right here to Washington, ber of soldiers, reported anywhere from to the store of McChesney & Joachim, 2d and E streets northeast, and was Several prisoners were captured who busily engaged as a bright, conscientious huginegglike naturally do in a drug store until one fateful day a letter dropped from his pocket and his mother picked it up and For, gazing at young Joachim with mingled feelings, she said something to plague them within a year.

"How about wifey in Texas?" nonest, you should have heard Miss about it.)

of white and green and sick looking. 800 troops now here will proceed along and had nothing but the framework of joy upon it. He gulped hard and turned it off. But that was not all. Oh, no; You

Mr. Joachim was busy in the store the afternoon of November 30 when brother, one of the proprietors, said: 'Aloysius, some one wants you on the phone—I think" (slowly) "it is a la-a-a-

## Goes to the Telephone.

with much originality, "Hello." The answer was: "Is that you, Al-

"Hee-hee! Wouldn't you like to know who this is?" And he is said to have actually winked 'Well, sa-a-a-ay. Whatcher goin' And then Mr. Joachim turned full into the phone and bawled out:

"I'm going right home after the store closes and I'm going to study. Hard. the right thing to say. Whereupon he turned around, put hi hand over the receiver, and said to one in particular: 'Holy smoke, I wonder who this is?' Well, a little later the sweet-voiced one

announced that she had come all the way from Texas and that she was none other than Mrs. Joachim. And she was at Union station. Why, she telephoned just the President will communicate his views as s-o-o-on as she got to town, said Miss in writing, Tuesday, resolutions of con Hobble Skirt.

## Married All Over Again.

eral days. What these two birds of has it that Mrs. Joachim ate sundaes most of the time. But on the following Friday, Miss Hobble Skirt says, they were married all over again by Rev. Father F. A. B. Wunnenberg of St. Mary's Church. was a Protestant and the groom a Catholie, and the first wedding was a justice of the peace affair. And after that it was all as happy as a wedding bell, of course. There were relatives present and refreshments at the home of young Mr. Joachim's parents, 720 6th street northwest. Which, of course, goes perfectly with the statement that there are no parental objections.

dead one. Ah! she was a real live press A letter from the president was received agent, was Miss Hobble Skirt, for the loday naming the following as commis"Don't fail to put a good headline on

ing for Mexican soldiers. Ellsworth Asks Leave of Absence.

Noon Tomorrow.

House in the City.

Probably Will Be Taken Up

Early in Session.

It is a question as yet undecided

whether further efforts will be made to

the insurgent republicans are eager to

may be hadicapped, however, by luke-

lemocrats, without whom they can do

nothing. It appears that the democrats

was their play to aid everybody in mak-

Democrats to Go Slow

But now, well, things are somewhat

a precedent that may come back to

The democrats are far from being

agreed on whether the committees shall

be appointed by a committee on commit

oughly in conference during this session.

tucky, who ranks with the democratic

Representative Ollie James of Ken-

change the rules of the House.

ing all the trouble possible

at noon March 4 next.

lost interest in their work.

cratic votes.

by Federated Citizens.

She came into The Star office. and TO PASS APPOINTMENT ACT OBJECTORS FINALLY YIELD

Meets Opposition.

Matter of Redistricting the States Committee Explains That Separate Commission Might Not Obtain Legislative Approval.

Tomorrow at noon precisely the gavels Although objections to conferring power f Vice President Sherman and Speaker of a public utilities commission on the Cannon, falling simultaneously in Senate District Commissioners came from two members of the Federation of Citizens' Associations last night at the Chamber gress will end by constitutional limitation of Commerce, the draft of the bill as set forth in The Star of yesterday was Present indications are that there will finally adopted unanimously.

be a slim attendance in the House until W. H. Richardson and E. W. Oyster after the holiday recess. Very few memagreed to the proposed bill in every particular, except in respect to shouldering the job upon the Commissioners. They the money in the rafters of the nearby argued that the District Commissioners station drew closer, the fears of the Cole-The leaders of each party in both had all they could do at present with the houses appear to be in accord in the opinregular municipal duties in which they out the mystery and for protection. The ion that no general legislation, beyond the passage of the apportionment act, will be

#### Clayton Explains Bill.

The reasons for drawing the bill in the form presented were explained in detail by William McK. Clayton. Afterward policeman of the ninth precinct, and the unanimous vote was cast. legislatures which meet in January proeed with the redistricting of the states Mr. Clayton said that he was sure the

President would not agree to a separate rendezvous set by the writer of the body acting as a utilities commission; that Congress would find objection, and family. Up to an early hour this mornthat, in view of the fact that the senti-ment of all citizens' associations seemed to be that local men should be chosen for the positions on the commi only way to assure this would be by conferring power on the District Commis-

#### Report of Committee.

posed legislation the federation indorsed go to the rafters to seek the money de the report of the committee appointed to draw up the bill. The report, in part, death of the child would be certain and was as follows:

"The committee appointed at your last character of a 'utilities commission for hing, and is considered by his neighthe District of Columbia,' met on the bors a wealthy man. He operates a 25th of November, 1910. "William McK. Clayton presented

importance of such a commission, giv-

tees or by the Speaker. They will have to thrash that subject out pretty thorshould be given them. "The advantages and disadvantages of each form was discussed thoroughly. By unanimous vote of the committee it was esolved as best for the interest of the District that the Commissioners be given powers of an utilities commission, as it ters in one board, which would have the knowledge of the bearings and relations gether and will decide on some plan for of the various problems to be considered. Through their office the Commissioners would have full information and knowl-

#### edge of many questions which would come up before an utilities commission. "In the democratic Congress, bills will

Appropriation for Experts. "It was, after consideration, unanimously voted that an appropriation should be asked for in the bill sufficient to cover expert advice on all questions where such advice would be of value. "The next topic taken up was the powers which should be granted to such a commission.

After discussion by the members of the committee it was unanmously voted that the should have all the powers given under electric lights, telephone companies, with power to control the character of service and the rates to be charged; that the commission should have power to control capitalization of corporations, insurance and other companies, to see that good security as a foundation is obtained and to prevent watering stock issues, and the sale of stock in the District which does not represent a solid trict which does not represent a solid

## TAXI CHAUFFEURS MEET TO DISCUSS GRIEVANCES

Strike May Be Declared-Unfair Division of Profits Charged Against Employers.

Declaring that the limit had been reached in the matter of wages and treatment by their employers, chauffeurs of Washington taxicabs met in secret ses- Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company sion at Costello's Hall during the early to the division chiefs instructing the offihours this morning, with the declared in- cials to remove the employe who is ad-

ret concerted action in a movement for an increased wage scale. The union has been growing steadily the past six months or more, and, it is explained, the men have been waiting for a favorable time to enforce their demands for better wages. They maintain that, under existing The first question to be determined will be whether the membership of the House is to be increased, and regarding this there will be differing views. The House pel them to pay for all the gaso ine and here will be differing views. The House oil that is placed in the machine tank. The chauffeurs claim also that the com-Rebels Inspect Trains.

EL PASO, Tex., December 3.—J. E. Far
many to increasing it. At the same time not at all commensurate with the amount the awakened interest of the people in popular government may compel the as to the value of the machines they run, sation they are enabled to secure is rington of Battle Creek, Mich., and Dor- granting of additional representation to but in the care and caution they must exercise in protecting their employers from liability in case of accident. A number of the chaufteurs were free in exploiting their individual grievances at

this morning's meeting. In the main all the men had stories alike.

None of the officials of the local taxi-

Luther T. Ellsworth, American consul at Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, apparently having a bearing upon his reported dissatisfaction with his post and desire for a trans-A. L. Cline of the Federal Taxicab

## Great-grandfather at Forty-Eight.

Special Dispetch to The Star. CUMBERLAND, Md., December 3.-John Dishong of Avillon, Garrett coun-

Failure to Receive \$250.

Money Was to Be Put. COLEMANS ARE TERRIFIED

Burrville Merchant Fears That Vengeance May Fall as Promised

by Letter Writer. "Unless you place \$250 in the rafters at Brooks station by 11:15 o'clock Saturday

night, December 3, your youngest sou will be murdered." This declaration, contained in a letter signed "Black Hand," has for several days kept C. A. Coleman of Burrville, D. C., and his wife in fear and trembling for

the life of their little boy. Although the letter warned Mr. Coleman not to seek aid from the police in this matter, as the hour specified for piscing mans drove them to the police to ferret mother was nearly crazed with terror as

#### All-Night Watch Vain.

And so Sergt. McCormfck, mounted Policeman Giles spent last night keeping the closest kind of a lookout over the "B.ack Hand" letter and over the Coleman boy been molested. But the anxiety of the Colemans for

their son s salety still continues. For the mysterious letter, lett at their home several days ago, asserts that it vould be of little avail to inform the police of the threat against the boy's l.fe, because In addition to the adortion of the pro- it might be days before the writer would manded, but if the writer failed to find the full sum when he looked for it the

meeting to consider the advisability and at Burrville, which is just Leyoud Bengrocery store and a coal and wood

parently, by an educated person. The the writing is clean cut and the diction is laws of New York and New Jersey, two good. In this the letter differs from states which have the most effective laws the majority of "Black Hand' epistles which, as a rule, have been found to be the work of illiterate pers considered the question of the form of commission for the District, whether it to increase the fears of the Colemans for their son. They believe that the sioners of the District, or if letter is the work of a determined man who, because of his education, will be better able to carry out his threat.

## Suspect Under Surveillance.

That the Colemans have money is well known throughout the neighborhood in would be much less expensive and more which they live. Although they themeffective to have the control of such mat- selves believe they have no enemies who would seek to harm their son, they suspect that the letter was sent by a man in that vicinity.

the letter is what it purports to be, from the "Black Hand" society, or any branch of such an organization. The man who is suspected is under surveillance. For hours last night Policeman Gles crouched in the rafters of the station watching to see if any one would come ooking for the package of money. A ecoy package, made of blank paper cut in the shape of bills, had been placed cunningly in the rafters to tempt the

letter writer should he put in an appearance. But there was never a nibble pait. Giles had his vigil in vain Since the police were notified by Cole nan of the endeavor to extort mone from him, several men have been de tailed to look into the matter and : careful investigation is under way. They are determined to run down the letter

writer, if possible, and to make an ex-Not for many months has a Black Hand letter been received by any one living in the District of Columbia.

# THE CIGARETTE HABIT

Its Men May Smoke Pipes or Cigars, But the Ban Is Put on Little White Rolls.

Special Dispatch to The Star. TOPEKA, Kan., December 3 .- Notices have been sent out by the Atchison. and cigars and chewing tobacco are not zation, which has been working hard to prescribed by the company, but the Santa Fe feels that cigarettes sap the strength and cloud the mind of its employes. The Santa Fe demands the highest class of service in its departments and believes

> that the cigarette habit does not raise the The new rule went into effect December and the present employes who use cigarettes are to have a reasonable time to break themselves of the habit, but none will be employed if seen with cigarrette stains on fingers on showing other evidence of the use of the little white roll. If the employes cannot break them-selves of the habit the company will not need their services any longer. Travelemployes and see if the order is being obeyed. ing officials are instructed to watch the

Memorial Oration for Prof. James. on the Gould Lines.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., December 3.—

Officials of the striking Missouri PacificIron Mountain allied crafts received nosion of the academy today delivered a memorial oration for William James, the American psychologist and philosopher.

> Sample Want Help Advertisement

ment like the above costs but 15 cents an in-

# GIRL for general housework; three in family; no cooking; \$12. 4050 Meridian etreet northwest.

A Want advertise-

sertion in The Star. If you are in need of a girl place an advertisement in The Star and you will get results. The best servant girls read The Star.

not know where he is. His wife, w'o ian-American barbers of Jersey City orare called insurgents, or progressives, are to walk along in peace and harmony this cotter, a wealthy attorney, has made session, then he must walk in our directors with her parents for a year or was Miss Anna Cotter, daughter of James ganised a union today, and in framing a cents for every haircut when the customer shaves himself.

Distinguished Soldier Passes Schooner Captain and Crew Commissioners Meet Malcon-Miss Hobble Skirt Tells Pretty Congress Will Assemble at Unanimous Indorsement Given Black Hand's Alternative of

tents Along Railroad Line.

Star State to Capital. "pippin." She was all there with a tan hobble skirt and a hat that could be chromatic prosperity. Her shoes peeped

She said that A. P. Joachim, who is and House, will convene the Sixty-first aged twenty-two years, and a right good | Congress for its closing session. The Conlooking young, druggist at that, had the gress will end by constitutional limitation inforcements have arrived from the City from Texas, whom he married in Houston July 5. Oh, it was a dandy joke, and she said it was a fine story and Miss Hobble Skirt had a clipping from a Texas paper, and the headline in a sort bers have arrived in the city. Many of

She said that young Mr. Joachim had fascinated a "fair Texan,"—those were propriation bills. secretly at that, which always a good republican district will be snuffed out in those changes and replaced by districts showing a preponderance of demo-

strike a final and crushing blow at Speaker Cannon and humiliate him. They

Texas Mr. Joachim started Fate toward

December to assume responsibility and run the House machine. They are in-

Young Mr. Joachim, he turned sort

handling legislation in the open, some-thing the republicans have never done. Whereupon young Mr. Joachim went to the phone and, assuming that odds and perfectly unnatural expression used only in telephone conversations, remarked, not

oysius, dear?" Surest thing you know. Who could believing that there would be relief and

Which, as it happened, was just

taken up as if Congress had adjourned Because, it was explained, the bride

And now the story is ended, and world will know that Romance is not long as Romance has Miss Hobble Skirt many states additional representatives in

The commissioners, am ng other things, rance Bryson of Detroit, arriving here chic, in Chihuahua, declared that every town in that region was in insurrec hands, with the exception of Temosachic

Word finally has been received from

do not encounter the revolutionists before reaching their destination.

Heavy patrols march nightly through
the streets here. This is largely a precaution against revolutionary sympathizers within the city.

There is no doubt that should the inThere is no doubt that should the insurgents now in the mountains success of the Mexican foreign office.

Mr. Wilson's dispatch was based upon
the Mexican foreign office.
The State Department official telegrams
continue to state that the inauguration
of President Diaz was celebrated in an atmosphere of quietness throughout the
country, and was the occasion for no
father clause" did not give the negro the
right to vote.

The base corpus to A. J. Shaw, an
the advices of the Mexican foreign office.
Tulsa, Okla., for refusing to allow a
mosphere of quietness throughout the
country, and was the occasion for no
father clause" did not give the negro the
right to vote. right to vote.

#### leaders in the House, gives his views on this subject as follows: "I take generally the position of Champ Clark, the democratic leader, although have not discussed the matter with him. At the proper time, which is not one year in advance, the democratic members of the Sixty-second Congress will get to-

Will Not Pack Committees.

not be smothered in committees. We shall come out and fight bad bills and pass good ones. Neither will committees be packed. The democrats may be relied on not to perpetuate the committee morgue, which the republicans created. The people elected democrats in majority. honesty in the handling of legis'ation. We shall not disappoint the people, and at the right time we will all get together The first day's session is likely to be ineventful. The House will be called to order by the Speaker, prayer offered by the chaplain and the roll called to deis velop the membership present. Some minor resolutions from the committee or ccounts may be offered, the while mmittee joins the Senate committee notify the President that Congress is in session and would be glad to receive suggestions from him. When that commi tee returns, with the probable report that

#### dolence for colleagues who have died during the recess probably will be of-fered and the House will adjourn. In the Senate, the legislative body which never expires, business will be

but yesterday. There will be bills, peti-tions and all that sort of thing, and probably an early executive session to act on nominations Vacancies on Supreme Court. It is supposed that the Supreme Court submitted Monday, and every effort will be made to secure speedy action on them, as the court is waiting for a full bench the great anti-trust suits.

Reverting to the one subject of general the House on the present basis of apportionment, while some states would

# already is very unwieldy in membership entertained by

VOTING ON SYMPATHY STRIKE

Plebiscite Being Taken Among Men

the growing states.

ed. The rebels said that they were look- Iron Mountain allied crafts received notice today from President James O'Con-nell of the International Association of strike when spoken to early this morn-Machinists that a vote was being taken ing.

criminal court of appeals today granted a grandfather at forty-eight years, and he

GUTHRIE, Okla., December 3.-The ty, Md., near Lonaconing, is a great-